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October 31, 1975

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Thank you for your thoughtfulness in taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Julie Stuart, et al
Daily News-Miner
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99701





To: Sheila Weidenfeld

AUG 25 1975

August 11, 1975

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March 6, 1975

Dear Miss Graeves:

Your mailgram to Don Neesen has been referred to me for handling.

I will pass your sentiments along to Mrs. Ford, and thank you for taking the time to let us know how you feel.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Miss Elaine Graeves
11811 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

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Mrs. Betty Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C.

March 8, 1974

Dear Mr. Ford:

Stick to your guns, Mrs. Ford! A future
generation of women will thank you
for helping the E.R.A. pass.

Sincerely
Vicki Martin
1801 Maine
Lawrence, Ks
66044



ERA

Press Secretary Shelia Weidenfield
Office of Lady Betty Ford
White House
Washington, D. C.

Ms. Weidenfield:

We beg of you to read the articles in Voice of Freedom attached hereto, and see that Mrs. Ford also reads them.

It is absolutely unbelievable that she would be for the Amendment so strongly--of all people! Surely to goodness she has not considered the loss it would bring to women in America--and what it would do to our homes and children. People who love God, and respect His Word know that He expects man to be "head" of the home--to respect the woman for her role as homemaker, and likewise women are to have respect for the man of the house--if he truly lives his role according to God's will.

Passage of ERA will destroy the basic foundation of our country--we cannot let it be made a law.

If Mrs. Ford still holds to her views, after taking all this into consideration, we certainly would like to know how she can justify her actions--and believe we are entitled to know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. E. McCage

Mrs. F. L. Coulter

Mrs. H. E. McCage
Mrs. F. L. Coulter

Address: P. O. Box 216
Troy, Tennessee 38260

February 25, 1975



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Troy, Tennessee 38260

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*For
Lady Betty Ford*

February, 1975

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Final Questions About ERA

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Letters to the Editor



A Friend of Many Years

Enclosed find check for \$15 which will cover my pledge of \$5 monthly, for the months of July, August and September.

I surely enjoy and appreciate the VOICE OF FREEDOM. I think it is a wonderful and necessary thing to do. Sincerely yours, *Albert B. Moss, Carlsbad, N. Mexico.*

[Friends and comments like yours provide the salve and encouragement to keep us moving forward. We have great plans for the future and you are helping to realize them. We so greatly appreciate your help and encouragement. Ed.]

VOICE OF FREEDOM Needed

This is a small contribution to VOICE OF FREEDOM. The journal I believe to be the best of all journals, informing us on the things we desperately need to know.

VOICE OF FREEDOM holds a special place in my heart for two good reasons: first, because we need it, secondly, having known personally the previous editors, Brother G. C. Brewer and L. R. Wilson. Both were visitors in our home at Quanah, Texas. We loved and appreciated them for their good works. More power to you in this great work. We may not realize what freedom is until we lose it! Sincerely, *Julia Jones, Dallas, Texas.*

[It pleases me very much to hear from someone who knew both of our former editors. We hope that we can stand on their shoulders and continue the good work they so nobly carried for so long. We begin our ninth year with VOICE OF FREEDOM in January. These have been rewarding years, and the paper is more needed today than ever before. We plan some additional approaches which we believe our people will accept and be pleased with. This is made possible by the coming of our associate editor, Keith Robinson. Ed.]

The Need to Alert People

I am deeply grateful for your kind note and sentiments expressed. I rejoice in your great work and appreciate fully the labor involved. I wish we could get more brethren alerted to the need of circulating the VOICE OF FREEDOM widely.

My work continues exceedingly well. I have lately closed a good meeting in Reform, Alabama and shall be in meetings in West Tennessee for the next several weeks. Faithfully yours, *Guy N. Woods, Memphis, Tenn.*

[It is encouraging to hear from you. I appreciate the kind words about our labors. I, too, wish there were ways by which we might arouse an awareness of the need of increasing the circulation of VOICE OF

FREEDOM. We have some additional concepts to propose to our readers in which you'll have a great interest. Ed.]

Some of Our Mission Work

We would like to thank you for the five copies of the VOICE OF FREEDOM you sent us and assure you that we will do everything possible to see that our students are aware of them. God willing they will benefit from them.

If and when our budget ever materializes we would like to subscribe. As you know small and private colleges all over the country are in financial straits. We hope, however, that our budget should improve by the fall. Best wishes, *Glenn Nichols, Special Collections, Tulane University Library, New Orleans, La.*

[VOICE OF FREEDOM goes to our missionaries on request and is placed in many libraries on request. We believe we have a message to share with the whole world and these are centers of real influence. Many college libraries subscribe. Ed.]

He Asks a Question

Yes, I am a subscriber to VOICE OF FREEDOM but that is not the question. I thought you might help me. . . . Does an elder have to have more than one child to qualify in God's sight? . . . VOICE OF FREEDOM is the STUFF, thanks so much. I know you have a load. Yours in Christ, *Earl R. Andes, Anadarko, Okla.*

[I am glad to send you the names and addresses of the brethren you requested. They will give you competent answers and reason for the same. If you need additional help, feel free to command us. Ed.]

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 subscription of
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 to:

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- ✦ Teacher
- ✦ Elder
- ✦ Neighbor

The Women's Lib Thing

LADIES! HAVE YOU HEARD?

Do you know who is planning *your* future for you? Are you sure they are planning what *you* really want? If not, it's time to wake up and speak up! The Hour Is Late!

A so-called Equal Rights Amendment is up for consideration, and has already been ratified by almost enough states to put it into the constitution. Two states have had second thoughts and have rescinded their action, and the rest of them ought to do the same. We propose to say some things editorially [some of our staff writers have already spoken out on this issue] that we trust will shock us, wake us up, and give us some insight just what this amendment will mean to the home, the church, and to "Christianity" in general.

Are **You** Sure You Want to Be "Liberated"?

God created you and gave you a beautiful and exalted

maneuver yet devised to de-sex society. It proposes to eliminate all words indicating sex. Such words as man to become person or human; manpower to become human energy; forefathers to be forepersons; brotherhood becomes amity, unity; fireman becomes fireperson. Such nutty words are contrived as "chairperson" for chairman. To add to the complexity of the situation, a handful of men are going along with these ideas, too.

We've got something to worry about when somebody rings the doorbell and announces, "I'm your Fuller Brush Lady"!

Actually, what we are looking at here, is a **(Loss)** of Rights Amendment. How will it affect you?

Weisberg
62 Harriet Ave.
Bergenfield, NJ 07621



Mrs. Shelia Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

62 Harriet Avenue
Bergenfield, N. J. 07621

February 26, 1975

Mrs. Shelia Weidenfeld.
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ms. Weidenfeld:

Per the attached article, I would like to voice my support and help change the 3 to 1 ratio. I am sure there are many others too who haven't voiced their positive opinions and support.

Unfortunately, it is usually the negative aspect of any issue that gets the most response from people.

Keep up the good work, Mrs. Ford!

Sincerely,

Martha Weisberg

Mrs. M. Weisberg



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MRS. FORD SCORED ON EQUALITY PLAN

Letters Run 3 to 1 Against
Her Lobbying Efforts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)
—Betty Ford's mail at the
White House is running 3 to 1
against her outspoken support

cluding Illinois, Missouri, North
Dakota, Arizona and Nevada.
Thirty-four of the 38 states
needed have ratified the
amendment.

Mrs. Ford said she planned to
continue her personal efforts
despite the setback of votes in
states such as Arizona, Nevada
and Utah.

Her efforts have inspired let-
ters to the editors throughout
the country, have sparked some
editorials and has brought mail
to the White House from

ERA

February 7, 1975

Mr. Gordon Hanna, Editor
THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL
495 Union Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Dear Mr. Hanna:

On Page 26 of THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, February 7, 1975, there appeared the article, "Mrs. Ford Actively Backs ERA."

Originally, as it was intended in our form of government, the executive branch does not have a part in the ratification of the constitutional amendment process. The state legislatures are capable of deciding this question without outside interference. The President's wife, who is supposed to be representing the American women as a whole, should not intervene, on either side, in this controversy.

Many people feel that this amendment will not be beneficial for women in the field of employment and will only give them extra obligations which will create harmful problems and situations. This amendment will transfer jurisdiction in many areas of the law from the states to the federal government. Could this be why Mrs. Ford is so interested?

If the American people have any doubts in their minds as to the destructive effect of the ERA upon the American family unit, I refer them to the, YALE LAW JOURNAL, April 1971.

Yours very truly,

Roberta M. Lotz

Mrs. Gilbert M. Lotz
1534 Bonnie Drive
Memphis, Tennessee 38116

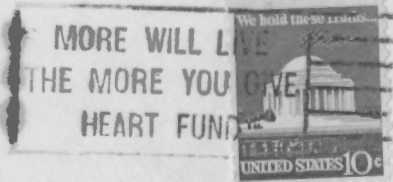
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Press Secretary to Mrs. Gerald Ford



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Mrs. Gilbert M. Lotz
1534 Bonnie Drive
Memphis, Tennessee 38116



Miss Sheila Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

June 16, 1975

Dear Ms. Greene:

How pleased I was to receive both your photograph and your statement of thanks.

Your efforts have proved to be paramount to the ratification of the ERA Amendment.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Miami branch of the AAUW for your kindness and enthusiastic support.

Best wishes,

Betty Ford

Ms. Estelle J. M. Greene, President
The Miami Branch, A.A.U.W.
5450 S.W. 63rd Court
Miami, Florida 33155





AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



5450 S.W. 63 Court
Miami, Florida 33155

April 24, 1975

Mrs. Betty Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ford:

The Miami Branch of The American Association of University Women is happy to present you with the enclosed photograph of ERA supporters expressing their thanks for your fine efforts relative to ratification of the proposed amendment.

On March 15th, the Miami Branch, AAUW, convened representatives of pro-ERA groups in order that we might show our gratitude to you and Mrs. Askew. Some of the participating organizations were: Dade County Women's Political Caucus, various Business & Professional Women's clubs throughout Dade County, The Women's Committee of One Hundred, the City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women, the Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, Coral Gables Democratic Women's Club, the National Organization for Women, the ERA'74 Coalition of Dade County, Women in Communications, United Methodist Women, Common Cause, the Y.W.C.A., and others, as well as various individual supporters.

I am also enclosing signed statements of thanks.

On April 8th and 9th I was in Tallahassee for the opening of the Florida legislature and ERA-related activities. At that time I was fortunate in being able to present a copy of the picture to Mrs. Askew. Another copy has been delivered to the Florida Department of State for use in our new Women's Archives.

With all best wishes to you from the members of the Miami Branch, AAUW, and participants in our "thank you" picture, I remain

Cordially yours,

Estelle J. M. Greene

Estelle J. M. Greene, President
The Miami Branch, A. A. U. W.

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Mrs. Ford



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
5450 S. W. 63rd Court, Miami, Florida 33155



March 15, 1975

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Name Organization Represented

Estelle J. M. Greene, Pres., Miami Branch, AAUW

Elizabeth E. Sibley AAUW Miami Branch

Shirley Long ERA '75 B.P.W. Dade County

Virginia Hill Asbell ERA '75 B.P.W. Dade Co

Janice P. Nauman AAUW.

Jennie Mae Greener - Women's Comm of 100

Marsha M. Jones

Esther Berger AAUW Miami

Ruby Zack - aaaw Miami & B.P.W. ERA '75

Mary Lou Sherry AAUW. AAUW. Exec Board

Bea Hochberger, Past President - aaaw Miami Branch

Retha Getmore 3940 N.W. 187 Ave Miami Fla

Dr Ruth Hauschold 8875 - SW 152 St in NW

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Mrs. Ford



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- Lily Shelton, President Coral Gables Democratic Wm's Club
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- Nancy S. Traver YWCA-Treasurer
- Janet [unclear] Pres CWA LOCAL 3121
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- Spunta [unclear] Dadel County Women's Political Council
- Hazel Bratley AAUW
- Bloni Peter AAUW



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Kath Sheek	Young Women's Christian Association
Blaine Gordon	B. P. W.
Mary Hinton	AAUW
Madjorie Denning	A. A. U. W.
Grace Mahan	A. A. U. W.
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Nina Fowler	A. A. U. W.
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Ida K. Sidney	AAUW & N.C.W.
Ruth Braddock	History AAUW
Charlotte Tatro	AAUW & BPW
Julia Edwards	AAUW & BPW
Russ Fortay	NOW + NASW
Ruth C. Cannon	AAUW & NCNW
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Chris Ackley	ywca
Alice Rosenbaum	AAUW
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Gertrude P. Foote " " "

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Jean J. Schensul AAUW

Rep. Gwen Cherry AAUW

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Pat Need Miami AAUW

Estelle Vestgard

Constance Pselau

Laura White AAUW

Bertha F. Strawn AAUW

Edith E. Gonzalez AAUW

Joseph B. Allegood

Ruth Manwaring

Monna Light Florida State Rep. Nat. Women's Political Council

Mollie Bullitt - Women's Committee of 100

Maryann Harris AAUW

Lisa Rubin N. Monie Bell - member of Young Democrats

Mrs. Ford



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Sally Milledge AAUW

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State Rep. Gwen Margolis

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Taken March 15, 1975

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Mrs Sheila Weidenfeld
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs Weidenfeld. Feb. 8. 1975

After reading these articles
in last evenings paper.
I thought maybe our
First Lady might have
some second thoughts.

Sincerely,
Mrs R.W. Overcup
Reverie, R.D.

March 6, 1975

Dear Liesl:

Thanks for your nice note!

We're proud of Mrs. Ford, too. And it's especially gratifying to work for somebody you can feel that way about.

I've passed your letter along, adding it to our "pro-ERA" mail which has now surpassed our "anti" mail by almost three-to-one.

Again, I appreciate your interest and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Liesl Wittenberg
Ernest Wittenberg Associates, Inc.
1616 H Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20006

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LIESL WITTENBERG

Feb. 21, 1975

Memo to:
Sheila Weidenfeld

Sheila:

You are doing a great job!

This is the first time since Ele^anore Roosevelt that a president's wife is coming across as her own person, and a worthwhile person at that.

In case she might want to see another note approving of her stand on era, give her the enclosed.

Liesl
attached referred to Marba

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March 26, 1975

Dear Mr. Hyland:

I read recently a copy of the editorial that was broadcast on KMOX Radio February 26th. On behalf of Mrs. Ford, I would like to express our appreciation for a very articulate expression of your viewpoint.

Although we obviously disagree on the ERA, your basic point is the most important issue here--that a First Lady, like any other citizen, should be able to express her own views and become involved in the political process. We agree entirely that government and politics would be greatly strengthened by greater individual involvement and, like you, would encourage it always.

You made a lot of sense, and we appreciate greatly your gesture in passing your editorial along to us.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mr. Robert Hyland
Regional Vice President
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EDITORIAL

This is one of a continuing series of KMOX Radio editorials on topics of vital interest to the community and is the opinion of the management. Responsible representatives of opposing viewpoints are given the opportunity to reply on the air. If you missed the broadcast of this editorial, we hope you will read it. Your comments are always most welcome.

Robert Hyland, Regional Vice President,
CBS Radio Division

SUBJECT: #75-22
Mrs. Ford and ERA

BROADCAST: February 26, 1975
8:44 AM, 5:20 PM

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First Lady Betty Ford has caused quite a storm with her activities in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. She has been making phone calls to state legislators urging them to vote for ERA. Lawmakers in Missouri and Illinois have received her calls.

Some of them don't like it. Representative Donald E. Deuster of Illinois, an opponent of ERA, says the President's wife should "immediately desist" her long-distance campaign. He calls it "demeaning to the stature of the First Lady." The White House acknowledges that Mrs. Ford's mail is running three to one against her action.

KMOX Radio has opposed the Equal Rights Amendment in several editorials. We believe it could have the long-range effect of undermining family life and legal protections for women. But we heartily approve of Mrs. Ford's working for passage of ERA or any other political goal. In our opinion, American politics would be strengthened by increased activity by women as office seekers, party leaders and political activists at all levels. This could help our nation shake off its political apathy, and reverse the disgracefully low voter turnout figures.

When we start regarding political activity by a first lady, or any citizen, as "demeaning", our democracy is in big trouble. We're going to tell Mrs. Ford how we feel and hope you will too.



March 6, 1975

Dear Miss Nigh:

Thank you for your letter of February 21st
expressing your opinion on the Equal Rights
Amendment.

I will pass your sentiments along to
Mrs. Ford, and I thank you for taking the
time to let us know how you feel.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Miss Carmen Nigh
106 North James
Sparta, Illinois 62286

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Feb. 21, 1975

Dear Madame Weidenfeld,

Please inform the First Lady that she is sending an illusion if she thinks the majority of women are for the ERA.

I had planned to support Mrs Ford for presidency but since Mrs Ford has stuck her neck out for ERA I'm no longer for them in the White House. The here in Southern Illinois are happy in our roles as females & strongly oppose making us "It's"

Sincerely yours,

Carmen Hight

106 N. James

Sparta, Illinois



March 6, 1975

Dear Ms. Hatch:

Thank you for your note of February 18th in which you express admiration for Mrs. Ford's support of the NSA.

We've added your letter to the "support" mail, and I'm happy to say it now outnumbers the "anti" by almost three-to-one.

Again, thanks for your interest and thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Clare Morgan Hatch
Bethel, Connecticut 06801

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Bethel, Conn.

Feb. 18, 1975

Dear Ms Weidenfeld,

Please convey this citizens thanks to Ms Ford for her courageous support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Also please tell her that I had the same operation in the summer of 1969 and am very active and feeling fine. I recommend, however, pampering ones self for a good while (don't walk excessively or carry heavy things too long).

respectfully,

Clare Morgan Hatch



March 6, 1975

Dear Mrs. Hakala:

Thank you so much for your note regarding the EBA and the editorial you were thoughtful enough to send me.

I read the article with interest and added your letter to our "support" pile. I'm happy to say the "pro-EBA" mail now outnumbers the "anti" by almost three-to-one!

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Ebb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Harvey J. Hakala
5600 London Road
Duluth, Minnesota 55804

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Feb. 21, 1975

Noted with interest
in our daily morning
paper that letters are
kicking 3-1 against
E.R.A. support by Betty
Ford.

In the same paper
this morning was this
editorial which I thought
you might add to
"Good for her, push on"
letters of encouragement.

Betty Ford is great.

Sincerely,
Pearl L. Hakala
(Mrs Harvey J.
5600 London Road
Duluth, Minn.
55804



March 6, 1975

Dear Ms. Cerney:

Thank you so much for your recent letter expressing support for Mrs. Ford and her stand on the Equal Rights Amendment.

I've added your letter to our "support" mail which now outnumberes the "anti-ERA" mail by almost three-to-one.

I thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Ms. Isobel M. Cerney
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Sheila Weidenfeld
Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford
THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Weidenfeld,

You are quoted (top of p. 7, S.F. CHRONICLE) this morning to the effect that Mrs. Ford's mail has been running 3 to 1 against the First Lady's outspoken support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

How true what you say surely is: "It's those who are against who are doing the writing."

The two hundred active, concerned women in our Palo Alto Branch....and at least 9,000 other WILPF members in Branches throughout the country...have undoubtedly noted both Mrs. Ford's and Susan Ford's responsible, active leadership in seeking passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

We feel certain millions of other women, and a good number of men, approve Mrs. Ford's and Susan Ford's actions in this matter.

To them our thanks.

Faithfully,

Isobel M. Cerney
Acting Corresponding Secretary, Palo Alto
Branch Board, WILPF



March 14, 1975

Dear Ms. Bowden,

The President has shown me the thoughtful letter you send regarding the Equal Rights Amendment, and I would like to respond on behalf of both of us.

Your letter is doubly meaningful to us in light of all the Business and Professional Women have done to support an organized and effective rally for the ERA in our state legislatures. Please accept our respect, admiration and our very deep appreciation for all you are doing.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford

Ms. Marie B. Bowden
Business and Professional
Women's Clubs, Inc.
2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036



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Press Secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld
The White House
Washington, D. C.



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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Please add this protest to those
opposing Mrs. Ford's publically
campaigning for E. R. A.

She is a fine person and we
respect her and the position she
holds as the wife of the President
of the United States.

We Republicans have had enough
adverse criticism - now this is
thrown in our faces.

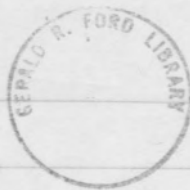
Too many of us remain silent
when we disapprove or approve of
National Affairs.

Thank You -
A member of
Republican Women
Federated.

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Press Sec.

Sheila Weidenfeld.

Mrs. Ford.

I am a citizen born in US.
 I watched my parents strive to
 raise 5 children the hard way.
 I have also watched people I
 loved being slaughtered on
 foreign soil & what for?
 Now this watergate affair
 was enough. now it's Womens
 lib. I for one and I don't
 see if what I read is true,
 that it is liberation at all.
 of course I do think women
 shouldn't have to go through
 what they do because of
 domineering men & believe
 me I've had my fill. But
 the thought even of finding
 the solution by sending
 Girls into fox holes & on battle

Fields is not the answer and
believe me Mrs. Ford I will
never vote for the present
adm. if this is a fact.
A Citizen _____

An opinion.

I am sure if this went to
a vote of the people who
understood what it is all
about it would never be
written into the Constitution
this way -

I have grandchildren whom
I love. Do you?

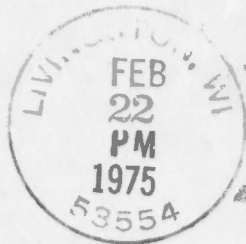
What kind of a world will
this be? It's bad enough now.



Benjamin West



American artist
10 cents U.S. postage



Shiela Weidinfeld
Mrs. Ford's Press Sec-
Washington D.C.

File
Anon



March 1, 1975

Mrs. Heindenfeld

I just don't understand why you don't help Mrs. Ford towards a better press in a gen. She sure needs guidance. Both Mrs Ford and her daughter are acting like clowns. Susan, of course, is apparently very, very immature and does not know better. But Mrs. Ford is always trying to act, and appear, so keitenich - and at her age? At the time of her hospitalization when she was putting on such a brave front for what must have been a terrifying experience I still thought whoever had her face with a "throw football" right after major surgery was way out. But the latest press idea! In the oval office, I sprawled on top of Susan (family policy it seems) - well it was anything but ladylike. Bad enough with Susan lounging, feet and legs spread, but Mrs. Ford - ? There is a decided lack of dignity with today's "First Lady." Susan, of course, is lacking in many things proper for her age. Little 5-year old Nicole Nugent has more poise. And the Nixon girls, and also the Johnson girls, never acted so indistinctly. Her dog party, her language at the Poole Concert when she missed a ball in the pocket, and said "Oh s---" language of the gutter, and then she tittered, the paper said. And how about the time she crashed into the President's office, interrupting a meeting with Dr. Kissinger to ask for some money - to go out and buy some plants. There has to be a great deficiency there. The President has enough worries these days, and enough unwarranted criticism by the press, without those two clowns fumbling the picture up. Please help - it is sorely needed!



Mrs. Sheila Meidenfeld
Press Secretary

The White House

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Washington, D.C.,

20006

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Attn.

Wants Law Changed

Rape Victim Faces Ordeal

By GINNY BURDICK
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — The young woman's voice was barely audible as she told a legislative committee what it's like to be a rape victim who goes to court against her attacker in Oregon.

"The whole trial was basically on me, I felt," she said. "They said very little about the man."

Susan, not her real name, added, "The defense lawyer asked me do I wear a bra, do I have any see-through blouses, how many

cigaretts I smoke, if I have an orgasm while I was raped, did I enjoy being raped?"

The jury acquitted the accused rapist, and Susan said he now is facing trial for another rape, an attack that occurred while he was free on his own recognizance before going to trial in Susan's case.

Susan agreed to testify before the Oregon House judiciary committee only if she could remain anonymous.

The all-male panel is considering proposed changes in state law to prohibit the introduction of evidence in court about a rape victim's past sexual encounters or her general reputation regard to chastity.

Let Women be Liberated



Rights Backer

Mrs. Betty Ford wears a button urging passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) during her visit to Florida with the President. The constitutional amendment, which would guarantee women equal rights with men, must be ratified by four more state legislatures to take effect and one of those slated to vote on it soon is Florida's.

— AP Wirephoto

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Betty Ford:

To liberate means to set free

Do you think to be free means to write into the Constitution the fact Women must share tax holes with men.

My vote for the Pres. will not be for your husband because of the way you are behaving.

Why if you are so influential in Womens rights why dont you do something to help these poor women being raped in the streets + in house of prostitution according to the newspapers + T.V. — Time spent if women will ever be free would be to help the poor survive by giving the rich an even break.

A very disgusted Citizen
Out here the young people who try to raise families correctly



are stayed to death - six living
common every day lives.

Lets have a little Compassion
where it helps - Cut out
the foolishness & do some
good, hard work;
disgusted



Sure Women need some
liberation from men but
not to the point of complete
destruction

But until the end comes there
will never be any thing
really to strive for

Amen



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Mrs. *Fade*
Press Sec.
Sheila Wendenfeld
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